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For: METHOD OF MONITORING THE USE OF A CHARGEABLE DYNAMIC
SIGNALING PORT OF AN INTER-EXCHANGE TRUNK

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Sir:

In the **final** Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, the Examiner issued two **new** statutory rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in which the Examiner relies on Kim '259 as a primary reference for the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5.

However, Kim '259 has an effective (U.S. filing) date of only **July 6, 1999** which is **later** than Applicant's French priority date of **July 1, 1999** based on French Application 99 08 499. In order to perfect Applicant's claim to the French priority date and to **disqualify** Kim '259 as a reference, Applicant encloses a certified English translation of French Application No. 99 08 499.

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